

**CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER  
SAN BERNARDINO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NAME: ELSA O. VALDEZ**

**AGE: 54**

**OCCUPATION: Incumbent/College Professor**

During my tenure on the school board for the last nine years, I have continued to work diligently to improve the quality of education for all students. I have supported academic improvement programs and community partnerships such as: district funded community-based homework centers, middle college high school (enables students to obtain a high school diploma, while enrolled in college courses), middle school International Baccalaureate Program, and high school career-job training. In addition, I continue to be a strong advocate for our district's numerous magnet programs such as environmental education, language programs, and visual/ performing arts.

**Philosophy:** it is essential for the school board to maintain open lines of communication and receive input from parents/community, teachers, administrators, and classified staff. As such, I will continue to promote policymaking, decision making, and problem solving that is inclusive.

My pledge: continue working on several district/community concerns:

- Providing a safe learning and working environment
- Enhancing early intervention efforts to improve student achievement
- Improving graduation, high school exit exam rates
- Increasing work-ready and college-ready graduates

I ask for your support and your vote in an effort to provide the best educational opportunities for all students.

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